

*according to your Power, Knowledge, and Ability, do and execute all Things belonging to the Office of a Constable, so long as you shall continue in this Office.*

So Help you G O D.

And if the Person or Persons, so appointed, shall, before any Justice of Peace, refuse to take the several Oaths aforesaid, or shall refuse to provide a sufficient Person to supply his Place, by serving in the said Office, and taking the Oaths aforesaid; that then such Person, so refusing, shall be fined to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco, toward the Defraying the Publick Charge of that County; and that such Justice of Peace, before whom such Refusal shall be made, shall issue his Warrant to the Sheriff to levy the said Fine by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person, so fined, as aforesaid, returning to him the Overplus; which said Sheriff is hereby empowered and required to levy the same accordingly, and render an Account thereof to the Justices of the Peace of that County, at the time of laying the County Levy.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every Constable shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *June*, in every Year respectively, repair in Person to every House or Habitation within his Hundred, and there require of the Master, Mistress, Dame, or other chief Person of the Family, a true List, from under their Hands, of all their Taxable Persons, distinctly to be named, they and every of them have within their respective Families: Out of which List, the said Constable shall make Two fair Lists under his Hand, and One he shall send to the Sheriff of the County, and the other he shall present to the next County-Court, to be set up. And in case any Master, Mistress, Dame, or other chief Person of a Family, shall refuse, deny, or delay, to give such List, or, in their Absence, leave at their Dwelling-houses or Quarters such List, and Account of their Taxable Persons of their several Families; or in their said Accounts shall conceal any Taxable Person or Persons in his or their Family; for every such Offence, or not giving a true List or Account of them, as aforesaid, to the Constable, by the time required, and for every Taxable Person by them concealed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence; one Half thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government; and the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same; to be recovered in any County-Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, to be allowed.

AND for the better Ascertainning what Persons are and shall be deemed Taxables, and what not; Be it Enacted, That all Male Persons, Residents in this Province, and all Female Slaves therein, of the Age of Sixteen Years, or above, shall be accounted Taxables; except Clergymen of the Church of *England*, having Benefices within this Province; and likewise such Poor People as receive Alms from the County; and also all such Slaves as shall be adjudged by the County-Courts to be past Labour, who are hereby exempted; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Constables, within this Province, shall obey, and are hereby obliged to execute all Warrants and Precepts to them directed from any Justice or Justices within this Province, touching or concerning any Matter, Debt, or Demand, between Party and Party: And such Constable shall and may have, take, exact, and receive, from the Party complaining, a Fee of Two Shillings and Six Pence Current Moncy, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, for serving all the Precepts relating to any one Action, Matter, or Demand,